

# Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 2, 2010 General Election



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Dear Whatcom County Voter:

I would like to share the following list of frequently asked questions with you in preparation for the November 2, General Election. We are only a phone call away at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555 if your question is not listed below.

**I am not registered to vote in Washington State. When is the last day I can register to vote in the General Election?**

October 25, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to register to vote ***in person*** at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office.

**I am having trouble deciding whom I want to vote for in a particular office. Do I have to vote for every office or ballot measure that appears on my ballot?**

No, if you do not want to vote a particular office or ballot measure, you may leave it blank. Only those offices and ballot measures you voted for will be counted.

**When is the last day I can mail my ballot?**

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day, November 2. **Make sure you know the last pick-up time of the mailbox or the post office;** ballots deposited after that time on Election Day are postmarked the next day and by law cannot be counted.

If you do not want to mail your ballot, please refer to Page 83 of this pamphlet for Ballot Drop Box locations.

**How do I know my ballot has been received by the Auditor's Office?**

Go to [wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom](http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom) to see if your ballot has been received.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Forslof".

Shirley Forslof  
Whatcom County Auditor

# Voting Instructions

**Step 1:** There are two sides to your ballot; vote both sides and remove the stub.

**Step 2:** Put your voted ballot in the white secrecy envelope.

**Step 3:** Put the secrecy envelope in the purple return envelope.

**Step 4:** Sign the voter affidavit, seal the envelope, and return it to the Auditor's Office. If you use a mark for the signature, two other people must sign as witnesses.

If your ballot is destroyed, spoiled, or lost, you may get a replacement from the Auditor's Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103, Bellingham.

**If you make a mistake:** Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this:

~~John Doe~~ ←

or

~~YES~~ ←

or

~~NO~~ ←

You then have the option of making another choice, if you wish. **Do not erase!**

To write in a name not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the candidate on the line provided.

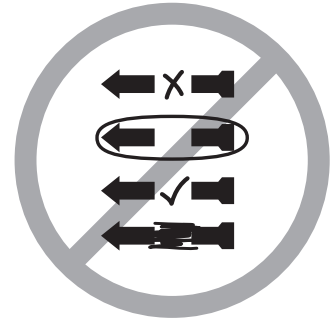
## CORRECT



Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow by your choice with a single line.

Do NOT use a felt tip pen or pencil.

## INCORRECT



More than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or measure will be counted.

If you do not want to vote a particular office or ballot measure, you may leave it blank.

# About the 2010 Washington General Election:

Washington has a new election system. In each race for partisan office, the two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary advance to the November General Election. Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

# Sample Ballot Whatcom County, Washington General Election - November 2, 2010

- To Vote:** Use either blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil. Connect the Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a **Single Line as shown.**
- To Correct A Mistake:** Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this: ~~John Doe~~ or ~~YES~~ You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.
- Write-In:** To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.
- In any race you choose to vote, vote for only one candidate.

Not all districts or measures on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the district you are entitled to vote on will appear.

## State Measures

### Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1053

Initiative Measure No. 1053 concerns tax and fee increases imposed by state government. This measure would restate existing statutory requirements that legislative actions raising taxes must be approved by two-thirds legislative majorities or receive voter approval, and that new or increased fees require majority legislative approval. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES   
NO

### Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1082

Initiative Measure No. 1082 concerns industrial insurance. This measure would authorize employers to purchase private industrial insurance beginning July 1, 2012; direct the legislature to enact conforming legislation by March 1, 2012; and eliminate the worker-paid share of medical-benefit premiums. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES   
NO

### Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1098

Initiative Measure No. 1098 concerns establishing a state income tax and reducing other taxes. This measure would tax "adjusted gross income" above \$200,000 (individuals) and \$400,000 (joint-filers), reduce state property tax levies, reduce certain business and occupation taxes, and direct any increased revenues to education and health. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES   
NO

### Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1100

Initiative Measure No. 1100 concerns liquor (beer, wine and spirits). This measure would close state liquor stores; authorize sale, distribution, and importation of spirits by private parties; and repeal certain requirements that govern the business operations of beer and wine distributors and producers. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES   
NO

### Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1105

Initiative Measure No. 1105 concerns liquor (beer, wine and spirits). This measure would close all state liquor stores and license private parties to sell or distribute spirits. It would revise laws concerning regulation, taxation and government revenues from distribution and sale of spirits. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES   
NO

### Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1107

Initiative Measure No. 1107 concerns reversing certain 2010 amendments to state tax laws. This measure would end sales tax on candy; end temporary sales tax on some bottled water; end temporary excise taxes on carbonated beverages; and reduce tax rates for certain food processors. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES   
NO

### Proposed to the People by the Legislature Referendum Bill No. 52

The legislature has passed Engrossed House Bill No. 2561, concerning authorizing and funding bonds for energy efficiency projects in schools. This bill would authorize bonds to finance construction and repair projects increasing energy efficiency in public schools and higher education buildings, and continue the sales tax on bottled water otherwise expiring in 2013. Should this bill be:

APPROVED   
REJECTED

### Proposed to the People by the Legislature Amendment to the State Constitution Senate Joint Resolution No. 8225

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on state debt. This amendment would require the state to reduce the interest accounted for in calculating the constitutional debt limit, by the amount of federal payments scheduled to be received to offset that interest. Should this constitutional amendment be:

APPROVED   
REJECTED

### State Measures

#### Proposed to the People by the Legislature Amendment to the State Constitution Engrossed Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 4220

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on denying bail for persons charged with certain criminal offenses. This amendment would authorize courts to deny bail for offenses punishable by the possibility of life in prison, on clear and convincing evidence of a propensity for violence that would likely endanger persons. Should this constitutional amendment be:

APPROVED ←

REJECTED ←

**READ: Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.**

### Federal

Partisan Offices

#### U.S. Senator

6 Year Term Vote For One

Patty Murray ← Prefers Democratic Party

Dino Rossi ← Prefers Republican Party

Write-In ←

#### U.S. Representative Congressional District 2

2 Year Term Vote For One

John Koster ← Prefers Republican Party

Rick Larsen ← Prefers Democratic Party

Write-In ←

### State of Washington

Partisan Offices

#### State Representative District 39 Position 1

2 Year Term Vote For One

Dan Kristiansen ← Prefers Republican Party

Eleanor Walters ← Prefers Democratic Party

Write-In ←

#### State Representative District 39 Position 2

2 Year Term Vote For One

Kirk Pearson ← Prefers Republican Party

Write-In ←

### State of Washington

Partisan Offices

#### State Representative District 40 Position 1

2 Year Term Vote For One

Kristine Lytton ← Prefers Democratic Party

Mike Newman ← Prefers Republican Party

Write-In ←

#### State Representative District 40 Position 2

2 Year Term Vote For One

Jeff Morris ← Prefers Democratic Party

John Swapp ← Prefers Republican Party

Write-In ←

### State of Washington

Partisan Offices

#### State Senator District 42

4 Year Term Vote For One

Doug Ericksen ← Prefers Republican Party

Pat Jerns ← Prefers Democratic Party

Write-In ←

#### State Representative District 42 Position 1

2 Year Term Vote For One

Jason Overstreet ← Prefers Republican Party

Al Jensen ← Prefers Democratic Party

Write-In ←

#### State Representative District 42 Position 2

2 Year Term Vote For One

Vincent Buys ← Prefers Republican Party

Kelli Linville ← Prefers Democratic Party

Write-In ←

### Whatcom County

#### County Council District 1 Position B

Nonpartisan 1 Year Unexpired Term Vote For One

Jean Melious ←

Tony Larson ←

Write-In ←

### Partisan Office

#### Prosecuting Attorney

4 Year Term Vote For One

David S. McEachran ← Prefers Republican Party

Write-In ←

### Public Utility District 1

#### Commissioner District 3

Nonpartisan 6 Year Term Vote For One

Mike Murphy ←

Write-In ←

### State Judicial

#### State Supreme Court Justice Position 1

Nonpartisan 6 Year Term Vote For One

Jim Johnson ←

Write-In ←

#### State Supreme Court Justice Position 5

Nonpartisan 6 Year Term Vote For One

Barbara Madsen ←

Write-In ←

#### State Supreme Court Justice Position 6

Nonpartisan 6 Year Term Vote For One

Richard B. Sanders ←

Charlie Wiggins ←

Write-In ←

### Whatcom County Judicial

#### District Court Judge Position 1

Nonpartisan 4 Year Term Vote For One

David Grant ←

Write-In ←

#### District Court Judge Position 2

Nonpartisan 4 Year Term Vote For One

Matthew Elich ←

Write-In ←



## City of Bellingham

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Transportation Benefit District No. 1**  
**Bellingham, Washington**  
**Sales and Use Tax for Transportation**  
**Improvements**

The Board of Transportation Benefit District No. 1, Bellingham, Washington, adopted Bellingham TBD No. 1 Resolution #2010-1 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of up to a two-tenths of one percent (0.002) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the following transportation projects identified in the City of Bellingham Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP): resurfacing pavement on arterial streets and bicycle lanes, adding non-motorized transportation options and transit service. Should this proposition be approved?

YES  NO  

## Bellingham School District 501

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Bellingham School District No. 501**  
**Supplemental Education Support Levy**

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 237, laws of 2010 (SHB 2893), the Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501 adopted Resolution No. 16-10 authorizing a supplemental levy for education. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following tax levies as a supplement to the levies approved by the voters in the March 2008 election, on all taxable property within the District for education maintenance and operations:

Collection Years	Approximate	
	Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2011	\$0.23	\$2,500,000
2012	\$0.23	\$2,500,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES  NO  



## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 5

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Whatcom County Fire District No. 5**  
**Board of Commissioners –**  
**Proposition Authorizing Property**  
**Tax Levy**

The Board of Whatcom County Fire District No. 5 adopted Resolution No. 2010-02, concerning a proposition to maintain and fund the District's operations, capital facilities improvements, and staffing.

This proposition authorizes the District to set its regular property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2010 and collected in 2011. The funds will finance fire protection operations, replace apparatus and equipment, provide staffing, and increase emergency medical service levels. The maximum allowable levy in 2010 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED  REJECTED  

## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11

**Whatcom County Fire Protection**  
**District No. 11**  
**Proposition No. 1**  
**Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**  
**Regular Property Tax Levy**




Shall Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 be authorized to levy a regular property tax levy of \$.14 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of the six consecutive years beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011, for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as provided in Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 Resolution 2010-197 and the Laws of the State of Washington RCW 84.52.069?

YES  NO  

## Northwest Park and Recreation District 2

**Northwest Park and Recreation**  
**District 2**  
**Whatcom County, Washington**  
**Proposition No. 1**  
**Parks and Recreation Regular**  
**Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2010-2 concerning a proposition to assess a regular property tax levy for a four year period of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, to be collected each year, to preserve natural areas, water quality, wildlife habitat, and to support parks, bike trails and recreational programs in Blaine and Birch Bay. Should this Proposition be:

APPROVED  REJECTED  

## Whatcom County—County Council District No. 1 Position B



### Jean Melious

Non-Partisan

I grew up on my family's farm and worked hard to put myself through college and law school. I work at Western Washington University, where I teach the next generation about land use and natural resources. I have served on the Whatcom County

Planning Commission for almost three years, two of these as Chair, working with people across the County to plan for our future. My husband Devon and I raised Nate and Claire, our teenagers, here in Whatcom County. I have a strong stake in this community, with hope and vision for our future.

I will ensure that we invest in our workforce, drawing solid businesses to our county and keeping the ones we have. I will plan for

responsible growth. Whatcom County is changing; let's make sure that we grow in ways that reflect our values as a community. I will see that we use all available means to safeguard our beautiful and fragile legacy of clean water, clean air and working farms. It saves everyone money to keep our water clean and our air healthy for future generations. I ask for your vote to help build a responsible future. Thank you.

#### For more information

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## Whatcom County—County Council District No. 1 Position B



### Tony Larson

Non-Partisan

I was born in Whatcom County and spent my summers picking berries and bucking hay bales. I graduated Western Washington University, earning a degree in Economics and Finance. I have been the owner/publisher of Northwest

Business Monthly magazine for 20 years and am the former owner of the Bellingham Bells baseball team.

I am a long-time youth baseball and basketball coach, a former Big Brother and previous Junior Achievement volunteer and leadership award recipient. I have been chairman of the Northwest Private Industry Council, executive board member of United Way of Whatcom County and president of the WWU Alumni Assn.

Our economy is a key driver of our quality of life. Without a strong and prosperous economy, families, schools, organizations that support our most vulnerable neighbors, and our environment are at risk. Maintaining our quality of life will require the kind of leadership and experience that I offer.

As your Council representative, I will promote job creation; support only those regulations that work with, not against, our farmers, employers and families; and focus spending on programs with clear objectives that create fair and equitable outcomes for everyone. I want to Get Whatcom Working. To do it, I need your vote.

#### For more information

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[www.getwhatcomworking.com](http://www.getwhatcomworking.com)



## Whatcom County—Prosecuting Attorney



### David S. McEachran

Prefers Republican Party

I was first elected to the office of Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney in 1975, after having served as a deputy prosecutor for two and one half years, and I am now completing my ninth term in office. I am the longest serving elected prosecutor in the

State of Washington. I am presently directing a staff of fifty two people including twenty four attorneys, and I handle an active caseload.

One of the major accomplishments in my past 35 years in office has been the development of a team approach that combines my office and all of the law enforcement agencies in this county. With the ever increasing level of crime and dwindling resources, a team approach is vital.

In addition to the prosecution of criminal cases I also represent Whatcom County and its elected and appointed officials as legal counsel.

I have been appointed by Governor Gregoire to the Forensic Investigations Council which oversees the State Toxicology Laboratory and the State Crime Laboratory system. I am presently serving as the chairman of that Council. I have served as the president of the Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, and a lecturer for the National District Attorneys Association.

#### For more information

(360) 734-6405

## Public Utility District

## Whatcom County—Public Utility District



### Mike Murphy

Non-Partisan

Current Occupation/  
Employer: Director of  
facilities for the Ferndale  
School District

Significant Career  
Experience: Currently PUD  
Commissioner for the  
past 12 years. Volunteer  
firefighter for 24 years,  
EMT, past Sheriffs advisory

committee and member of the L & I safety review board. Also serves on the Washington Public Utility District association board member as well as Energy Northwest board member.

Education: Bellingham High School graduate; Skagit Valley College, Management degree.

Family: Married 37 years, 4 children, 3 grandchildren. All residents of Whatcom County.

Candidate Statement: Whatcom County is deeply rooted in my being. I feel it is my privilege as well as my obligation to give back and help preserve the community in which I have lived, worked, raised a family and hoped to someday retire in. I have enjoyed serving my community as a PUD Commissioner these past 12 years, and look forward to continuing on this next term.

#### For more information

836 W. Smith Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226  
(360) 384-6984

## Whatcom County—District Court Judge Position No. 1



### David Grant

Non-Partisan

Judge Grant has served on the District Court since 2004. With Judge Elich and court staff, he has endeavored to make the court more efficient and responsive to community needs. Although budgetary constraints are proving challenging, many

innovations have been implemented including: internet mitigation of traffic tickets, night court, domestic violence (DV) court, and heightened probation supervision of DV offenders and those with mental health issues. His goals as a judge and for District Court are to continue to serve the community and enforce the legal rights of all.

Previously, Judge Grant served for 18 years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Whatcom

County prosecuting criminal cases and providing legal assistance to county departments. He has written and argued appellate cases before the Court of Appeals and the State Supreme Court, and represented the County in land use matters before the Superior Court, the Growth Management Hearings Board, and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

He has a Bachelor's Degree, University of Nebraska; a Master's Degree, Michigan State University, and a Juris Doctorate, University of Nebraska. He and his wife Linda, a counselor with St. Joseph Hospital's Employee Assistance Program, moved to Bellingham in 1986 where they raised their sons.

#### For more information

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## Whatcom County—District Court Judge Position No.2



### Matthew Elich

Non-Partisan

Matt Elich is a fourth generation Whatcom County resident. He put himself through college and law school commercial fishing in Alaska and Washington. He graduated with honors from the University of Washington

and obtained his law degree from the University of Puget Sound.

Judge Elich practiced law in Whatcom County for fifteen years before becoming a judicial officer. He was city attorney for Blaine and Nooksack and was a prosecutor for the City of Bellingham.

He was appointed Whatcom County District Court Commissioner in 2000. He was elected Judge in 2002, re-elected four years later, and currently

serves as District Court's most experienced judicial officer.

Judge Elich is committed to maintaining independence and impartiality on the bench. A judicial officer can make but one promise and that is to uphold the law and that is something Judge Elich will continue to do as Whatcom County District Court Judge.

#### For more information

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**Proposition No. 1**  
**Transportation Benefit District No. 1**  
**Bellingham, Washington**  
**Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements**

The Board of Transportation Benefit District No. 1, Bellingham, Washington, adopted Bellingham TBD No. 1 Resolution #2010-1 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of up to a two-tenths of one percent (0.002) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the following transportation projects identified in the City of Bellingham Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP): resurfacing pavement on arterial streets and bicycle lanes, adding non-motorized transportation options and transit service. Should this proposition be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

### Explanatory Statement

Bellingham voters are asked to authorize dedicated funding for transportation needs by increasing the sales and use tax by two-tenths of one percent (0.002). An increase of 0.002 on \$300 of taxable spending amounts to 60 cents. The increase would generate about \$4 million per year for street paving, non-motorized transportation projects and transit. This increase is requested by the Transportation Benefit District, governed by Bellingham City Council members acting as a separate board of directors. The boundaries of the district are the same as Bellingham city limits. The term of the proposed sales tax increase is 10 years.

### Statement For:

Since vehicle excise taxes were eliminated ten years ago, city transportation projects have competed with, and lost funding to, other city needs. There has never been funding explicitly for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

Dozens of excellent pedestrian and bicycle projects listed in our neighborhood and city plans for decades may never get built. Some projects get done occasionally as part of street repaving, but street maintenance is now also significantly underfunded.

The WTA placed a proposition on the ballot last spring to increase the countywide sales tax for bus service. 65% of City of Bellingham residents voted "YES," but the measure was defeated by county voters. The result is that Sunday services for Bellingham residents have been discontinued.

The City recently formed a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) to ask city voters for a sales tax to fund city transportation projects. Your "YES" vote will give the TBD needed revenue for Bellingham transit, walking, cycling, infrastructure maintenance and safety projects.

Your "YES" vote will provide resources for long-standing priority transportation needs in the City of Bellingham. TBD funds cannot be diverted to other purposes and places.

We ask for your "YES" vote to support balanced transportation investments.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

City officials are keenly aware of the economic challenges facing the City and its citizens. Funding raised preserves options for many hit the hardest.

The non-motorized list came from our Bellingham Comprehensive Plan's full public process. The list is about safety, health, accessibility, connectivity, equity, quality of life and sustainability. It's about kids walking or cycling safely to school, seniors who can't drive, employees getting to work economically, and a lot more.

Please vote "YES"

### Statement Against:

The City should not rush to increase spending through a new \$40 million tax.

As the recession continues, it remains vital that government live within its means. Spending more now on a non-critical wish list is unwise. As families and employers struggle, City Hall should wait for economic improvement before adding to Bellingham's financial obligations.

New spending shouldn't be considered until the City sets its priorities – something that hasn't happened in a decade. A Capital Needs report is due soon from a citizen's task force. Another committee may recommend increased spending for Police. Ambulance service is under pressure. Citizens may desire another Greenways levy.

Is this new tax a wise investment when weighed against more important city services?

Also, millions of dollars could be saved if the unions paid a fair share for their benefits. The City would save \$2,270,000 annually if unions paid the same as average families for medical benefits. But Union Leadership puts their needs first, and poor management at City Hall adds to the problem.

There's no need for increased spending and new taxes. Through prioritizing, we can have a top-notch transportation system, save jobs and improve our community.

Please vote "No" on Proposition 1.

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

There are more important priorities than spending another \$40 million on projects like the Alabama Hill Overpass.

Our neighbors are struggling, and charging consumers more at the checkstand during tough times doesn't save jobs. City Hall should work creatively in partnership with employers to create new opportunities. We'll be able to fund more transportation projects in the future if we build a stronger economic base in Bellingham.

Vote NO on Proposition 1.

## Proposition No. 1 Bellingham School District No. 501 Supplemental Education Support Levy

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 237, laws of 2010 (SHB 2893), the Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501 adopted Resolution No. 16-10 authorizing a supplemental levy for education. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following tax levies as a supplement to the levies approved by the voters in the March 2008 election, on all taxable property within the District for education maintenance and operations:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2011	\$ 0.23	\$ 2,500.000
2012	\$ 0.23	\$ 2,500.000

Should this proposition be approved? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

### Explanatory Statement

The State Legislature, through Chapter 237, laws of 2010 (SHB 2893) has authorized a supplemental levy for education maintenance and operations, expanding the District's levy authority by four percent. The Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501 has passed a resolution requesting Supplemental Levies (in addition to and not in replacement of the levies authorized by the voters in March 2008). The amounts proposed to be levied are:

- A. \$2,500,000 in 2010 for collection in 2011; and
- B. \$2,500,000 in 2011 for collection in 2012.

The estimated levy rate for each year is \$0.23 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

### Statement For:

During the last two years, Bellingham Public Schools have experienced some of the most severe funding reductions in history. The district has used a thorough, inclusive and transparent process to responsibly reduce expenses by approximately \$6 million. The focus has been to preserve the commitment to high quality instruction and keep class size small. The district eliminated administrative positions, aggressively implemented energy and environmental conservation measures, eliminated support positions, and cut many school programs.

With Washington state facing a \$50 million revenue shortfall this year and another \$3 billion in the next two years, additional funding reductions for our schools are a near certainty.

The Legislature recognized this with a new law that allows districts to ask local communities for temporary additional funding. If voters approve, Bellingham Public Schools will use these funds to protect children's learning as much as possible from further state budget cuts, help maintain current class size averages – especially in kindergarten and primary grades – and potentially, if the state's economic outlook improves, restore some previously eliminated or reduced school programs. We strongly encourage you to vote yes on this temporary supplemental levy in support of our Bellingham Public Schools.

For tax impact and more information:  
[www.bellinghamlevy.org](http://www.bellinghamlevy.org)

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

*No Statement Submitted*

### Statement Against:

*No Statement Submitted*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

*No Statement Submitted*

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Whatcom County Fire District No. 5**  
**Board of Commissioners - Proposition Authorizing Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Whatcom County Fire District No. 5 adopted Resolution No. 2010-02, concerning a proposition to maintain and fund the District's operations, capital facilities improvements, and staffing.

This proposition authorizes the District to set its regular property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2010 and collected in 2011. The funds will finance fire protection operations, replace apparatus and equipment, provide staffing, and increase emergency medical service levels. The maximum allowable levy in 2010 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be:

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Explanatory Statement**

The Board of District No. 5 adopted Resolution No. 2010-02, a proposition to maintain and fund the District's operations, capital facilities improvements, and staffing. This proposition authorizes the District to set its regular property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2010 and collected in 2011. The funds will finance fire protection operations, replace apparatus and equipment, provide staffing, and increase emergency medical service levels. The maximum allowable levy in 2010 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

**Statement For:**

Whatcom County Fire District No. 5 is funded through a property tax levy based upon the valuation of properties in Point Roberts. Currently, the rate is \$.46856 per \$1,000 in valuation. In years past, this revenue was supplemented by operating a Bingo game. Now Bingo is gone; long gone. And the current level of funding leaves the brave and hardworking members of our Fire Department without the tools to achieve their mission. A mission of enormous importance when it comes to fire protection and prevention and emergency medical response provided to you and your neighbors. So, District No. 5 asks that you approve the proposition on this November's ballot that the property levy be reset to \$.87. (For example, if your property is assessed for \$100,000, the increase will amount to less than \$3.35 a month.) How will the money be spent? Specifically, the District has identified three key programs that will be funded by the levy. The first is the replacement of fire vehicles and equipment. The second involves recruitment and retention of trained, firefighters and medical personnel. And lastly, funds raised will be used to maintain, and improve the facilities. Be safe. Please vote yes on Proposition No. 1.

**Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Rebuttal of Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Rebuttal of Statement For:**

*No Statement Submitted*



**Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11  
Proposition No. 1  
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regular Property Tax Levy**

Shall Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 be authorized to levy a regular property tax levy of \$.14 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of the six consecutive years beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011, for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as provided in Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 Resolution 2010-197 and the Laws of the State of Washington RCW 84.52.069?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

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**Explanatory Statement**

Whatcom Fire District 11 provides emergency medical care services, including personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles, structures, and insurance needed for the provision of such services. In order to produce revenue to pay the cost of providing these services, the Board of Commissioners of District 11 has passed Resolution 2010-197 under the authority of RCW 84.52.069, submitting to voters a levy of a regular property tax, in the sum of \$.14 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years, beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011, for maintenance and operations of emergency medical care services.

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**Statement For:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Rebuttal of Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Rebuttal of Statement For:**

*No Statement Submitted*

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***Complete text of this measure may be found on page 90***

*Statements for, statements against, and rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.*

**Northwest Park and Recreation District 2  
Whatcom County, Washington  
Proposition No. 1  
Parks and Recreation Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2010-2 concerning a proposition to assess a regular property tax levy for a four year period of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, to be collected each year, to preserve natural areas, water quality, wildlife habitat, and to support parks, bike trails and recreational programs in Blaine and Birch Bay. Should this Proposition be:  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Explanatory Statement**

Northwest Park and Recreation District 2 provides services to acquire and preserve natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality, parks, sports fields, bike trails, and recreational programs. Expenditure of revenues is necessary for acquisition, operation, and maintenance of those sites, facilities, and programs.

The Board of Commissioners of District 2 adopted Resolution No. 2010-2 to assess a regular property tax levy for four years at \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, per year, to fund acquisition, operation, and maintenance of those sites, facilities, and programs.

**Statement For:**

NW Park and Recreation District 2 was re-established in 2007, serving the area for 3 years on a 2 year operation levy. With these funds the District has:

- Initiated a wide variety of programs and activities for the entire community.
- Collaborated with Whatcom County Parks to install a playground and take over operation of gym and make gym improvements at Bay Horizon Park.
- Partnered with the City of Blaine for the Portal Way Trail project, the Marine Park birding shelters, Hughes Bay-view Park and the Dakota Creek kayak launch.
- Invested in the community through Blaine Youth Baseball, Boys and Girls Club, the Senior Center and the Community Sailing Program.

To maintain service to the community continued funding is necessary. Future projects include:

- establishing a trail system linking Blaine to Birch Bay
- continuing improvements to Bay Horizon Park
- the development of sports fields.

Please join us in the on-going support of NW Park and Recreation District 2. [www.nwparkandrec.org](http://www.nwparkandrec.org)

**Rebuttal of Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Rebuttal of Statement For:**

*No Statement Submitted*

# Returning Your Ballot

## By Mail

Your ballot will count if your envelope is postmarked by Election Day, November 2, 2010. 1st Class postage is required. If you do not wish to return your ballot by mail, the following ballot drop box locations will be available.

## Ballot Drop Box Locations Open 20 Days Prior To Election Day

**Whatcom County Auditor's Office**  
 Whatcom County Courthouse  
 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103  
 Bellingham, WA

Hours: Monday – Friday  
 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Election Day Only: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

OR

**Courthouse Drive-Up Ballot Drop Box**  
 South Courthouse Parking Lot  
 Enter from Grand Avenue  
 Bellingham, WA

Hours: 7 days a week  
 24 hours a day  
**Election Day: Closes at 8:00 p.m.**

## Election Day Only - Ballot Drop Box Locations

**Drop Box Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Blaine City Hall.....	344 H Street, Blaine, WA
Deming Library .....	5044 Mt. Baker Hwy., Deming, WA
Everson Library.....	104 Kirsch Dr., Everson, WA
Ferndale Library.....	2222 Main St., Ferndale, WA
Laurel Fire Station .....	6028 Guide Meridian, Bellingham, WA
Lynden Library .....	216 4th St., Lynden, WA
Western Washington University .....	Viking Union, Room 714, Bellingham, WA

## If You Have Not Received Your Ballot

If you have not received your ballot by October 20, 2010, please contact the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Washington State Law Prohibits Ballots Deposited  
After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day From Being Counted.**

## Accessible Voting Unit

### What is an Accessible Voting Unit?

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is federally required. It is equipped with visual and audio technology that allows voters with impaired vision and/or physical disabilities to vote a secret ballot. The AVU is an accurate and secure way to vote.

### Where will the AVU be located?

The AVU will be located at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA.

### When can I vote using the AVU?

You may vote beginning Wednesday, October 13, 2010. The AVU will be available to vote in the Auditor's Office Mon. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

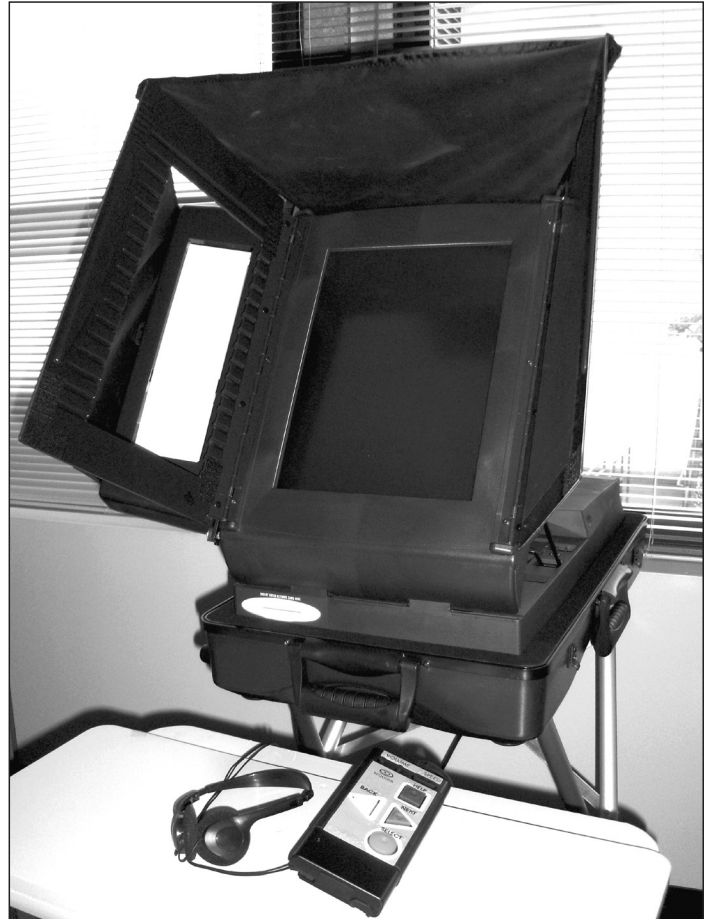
The AVU will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Is the AVU secure?

Yes. The AVU stands alone and is not connected to the Internet or an intranet. When a vote is cast the ballot selections are encrypted and stored within the voting unit. The ballot order is scrambled to ensure the voter's anonymity and leaves no connection between the voter and his or her recorded vote.

### How can I be sure my vote will be counted?

The AVU displays a paper record of your selections before you cast your ballot. Your secret ballot is electronically stored and it cannot be traced back to you.



# Voter Information

## How Can I Register?

A citizen may register to vote by: (1) completing the registration form online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) *only if* you have a Washington State Driver's License or a Washington State I.D. card; (2) completing the Mail-In Voter Registration Form and mailing it to your county of residence, or (3) by completing the form in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division.

## Last Day to Register to Vote

Citizens may register to vote at any time. However, the registration must be postmarked or received at least 29 days before an election in order to vote in that election.

A citizen that is not currently registered to vote in the State of Washington may register in person at the Auditor's Office, Elections Division up to 8 days before an election.

## If Your Mailing *or* Residence Address Has Changed:

Now that you have a new mailing address and/or new residential address, your voter record needs to be updated. Updating your record is easy!

### Address Change *Within* Whatcom County:

*Choose one of the following options:*

- Online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click on the "My Vote" logo
- Call the Elections Division at the Auditor's Office at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555
- E-mail the Auditor's Office at: [elections@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whatcom.wa.us)
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

### Address Change *Outside* Whatcom County:

*Choose one of the following options:*

- Online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click on the "Online Voter Registration" logo
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

## Name Change

If your name has changed, complete a new registration form. Information indicating the former name, address, and signature plus the new name and signature must be provided.

## When to Cancel Registrations

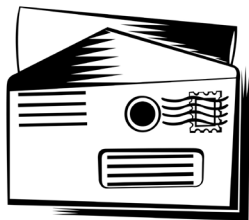
- If you have moved out of Whatcom County, your signature is required to cancel your voter registration.
- If a family member has passed away, contact the Elections Division and a form will be mailed for you to complete.

## Questions?

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or e-mail the Auditor's Office at: [elections@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whatcom.wa.us)



## Special Notices



### Message to Voters

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed starting October 13, 2010.

If you have not received your ballot by October 20, please contact the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division, at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or e-mail the Auditor's Office at: **[elections@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whatcom.wa.us)**



### Online Voters' Pamphlet

To view the Voters' Pamphlet online go to:

**[wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom](http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom)**

### Confirm Your Ballot Has Been Received

To find out if your ballot has been received by the Whatcom County Auditor's Office go to:

**[wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom](http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom)**



### Reminder

Remember that your ballot needs to be **postmarked** no later than November 2, Election Day. **Make sure you know the last pick-up time of the mailbox or the post office;** ballots deposited after that time on Election Day are postmarked the next day and by law cannot be counted.

Mail your ballot early!

# Complete Text

## BELLINGHAM TBD NO. 1 RESOLUTION #2010-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT NO. 1, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010 TO IMPOSE UP TO A TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.002) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS TO FUND SPECIFIED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham (the "City") approved Ordinance No. 2010-07-040 on July 12, 2010, establishing Transportation Benefit District No. 1 (the "District") pursuant to chapter 36.73 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's six-year (2011-2016) Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") identifies projects that constitute transportation improvements that may be funded by the District, including Project #1 entitled "Annual Arterial Pavement Resurfacing Program"; Project #16 entitled "Non-Motorized Transportation Options"; and Project #17 entitled "Transit Enhancement Options"; (collectively the "TBD Projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 21, 2010, the City conducted a public hearing in accordance with RCW 36.73.050, after giving proper notice describing the TBD Projects and activities to be funded by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, with voter approval, the District may impose a sales and use tax upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the District to fund transportation improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing board of the District (the "Board") now desires to fund and implement the TBD Projects, through the imposition by the District of up to a two-tenths of one percent (0.002) sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455, consistent with Chapter 36.73 RCW, upon voter approval thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board to allocate funds from the voter approved sales and use tax in a manner that generally balances the use of the funds equitably among the three project categories identified above during the ten (10) year period of the levy; and

**WHEREAS**, Project #1, Annual Arterial Pavement Resurfacing is a transportation improvement project of significance to the City; resurfacing of arterial streets on an ongoing basis will optimize the lifecycle of the City's existing infrastructure. Given the reduction in the current funding level available for street resurfacing projects, there is a need for the additional revenue source provided by this voter approved sales and use tax to maintain the City's infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Project #16 Non-Motorized Transportation Options responds to an important goal in the City's Comprehensive Plan, to facilitate a mode shift to more non-motorized transportation facilities, and this voter approved sales and use will provide needed funding for alternate infrastructure like sidewalk connections, flashing crosswalks, and bike facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, projects related to public transportation are included in the definition of a transportation improvement project pursuant to RCW 36.73.015 (3), and are eligible Transportation Benefit District projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Project #17 "Transit Enhancement Projects" has been identified as a public transportation project intended to be funded by imposition of the sales and use tax; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event a future Whatcom Transit Authority ballot measure is approved by voters, the Board intends to consider imposing less than the authorized two tenths of one percent (0.002) of the sales and use tax approved by voters in this ballot measure; and

**NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT NO. 1, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

### Section 1. Findings; Description of the TBD Projects.

The Board hereby finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the District require the District to impose a sales and use tax up to two-tenths of one percent (0.002) pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) and RCW 82.14.0455 for the purpose of providing a portion of the funds necessary to finance the TBD Projects.

The TBD Projects consist of the following transportation improvement projects described in the City's six-year (2011-2016) Transportation Improvement Program, which descriptions are incorporated herein:

- Project #1 entitled "Annual Arterial Pavement Resurfacing Program";
- Project #16 entitled "Non-Motorized Transportation Options"; and
- Project #17 entitled "Transit Enhancement Options"

The cost of all necessary design, engineering, financial, legal and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses and other costs incurred in connection with the foregoing TBD Projects shall be deemed a part of the costs of the TBD Projects.

The Board shall determine the application of moneys available for the TBD Projects so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the TBD Projects. In the event that the proceeds of sales and use taxes authorized herein, plus any other money of the District legally available therefore, are insufficient to accomplish all of the TBD Projects, the Board shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the TBD Projects deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

The Board shall determine the exact locations and specifications for the elements of the TBD Projects as well as the timing, order and manner of

implementing or completing the TBD Projects. The Board may alter, make substitutions to and amend the TBD Project descriptions as it determines is in the best interests of the District consistent with the general descriptions provided above and in accordance with the material change policy adopted by the Board and the notice, hearing and other procedures described in chapter 36.73 RCW, including RCW 36.73.050(2)(b), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to acquire, construct, or implement all or any portion of the TBD Projects by reason of changed conditions, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of the amount of sales and use tax proceeds estimated to be available, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the Board shall not be required to acquire, construct, or implement such portions. If all of the TBD Projects have been acquired, constructed, implemented or duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the Board may apply the sales and use tax proceeds (including earnings thereon) or any portion thereof to other transportation improvements then identified in the City's six-year transportation improvement program in accordance with the material change policy adopted by the Board and the notice, hearing and other procedures described in chapter 36.73 RCW, including RCW 36.73.050(2)(b), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time.

In the event that voters approve a future sales and use tax increase proposed by the Whatcom Transit Authority to fund public transportation, the Board shall determine whether to reduce the amount of sales and use tax collected for funding of public transportation projects in the Transportation Benefit District.

### Section 2. Proposition.

It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall impose a sales and use tax within the limitations established in RCW 82.14.0455 for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on November 2, 2010. For the purpose of providing funds necessary to pay or finance costs of the TBD Projects, the Whatcom County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Whatcom County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition to impose a sales and use tax up to the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.002) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of the use tax. The tax is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten years.

Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the District may use proceeds of such sales and use tax for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the TBD Projects in accordance with the requirements of chapter 36.73 RCW. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to said official in the following form:

### TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT NO. 1 BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON SALES AND USE TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

The Board of Transportation Benefit District No. 1, Bellingham, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2010-07-040 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of up to two tenths of one percent (0.002) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the following transportation improvement projects identified in the City of Bellingham Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): resurfacing pavement on arterial streets and bicycle lanes, adding non-motorized transportation options and transit service. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes?..... ☐

No?..... ☐

### Section 3. Corrections.

The Secretary of the District is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

### Section 4. Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

PASSED by the Board of Transportation Benefit District No. 1, Bellingham, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof held this 9th day of August, 2010.

**TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT NO. 1, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON.** Gene Knutson, Chair. ATTEST: John R. Carter, Secretary/Treasurer. APPROVED ASTO FORM: Joan Hoisington. CERTIFY: John R. Carter, Secretary.

# Complete Text

## RESOLUTION NO. 16-10

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on November 2, 2010, of the proposition of whether supplemental levies should be made to pay for necessary educational support and operations of the District.

WHEREAS, Bellingham School District No. 501, Whatcom County, Washington (the "District"), pursuant to Resolution No. 20-07, submitted a levy proposition to its voters at a special election held on March 11, 2008, enable the District to support its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the levy proposition was approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted Chapter 237, Laws of 2010 (Regular Session) (SHB 2893) which declared an emergency and expanded the District's levy authority by four percent; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 237 specifically permits the District to seek approval from its voters in order to collect the permitted additional levies (the "Supplemental Levies") for collection in the years 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Levies will be supplemental to and not in replacement of the levies authorized by the voters in the March 2008 election; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for maintenance and operations and the educational needs as authorized by Chapter 237 enacted in the 2010 Legislative Session, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following additional taxes (Supplemental Levies) upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

A. A tax of approximately \$0.23 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2010 for collection in 2011;

B. A tax of approximately \$0.23 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 501, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

**Section 1.** The following additional taxes, as Supplemental Levies (in addition to and not in replacement of the levies authorized by the voters in the March 2008 election) for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

A. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2010 for collection in 2011; and

B. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Whatcom County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2010 levy is \$0.23 per thousand dollars of

assessed valuation and the estimated levy rate for the 2011 levy is \$0.23 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of maintenance and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

**Section 2.** It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on November 2, 2010.

The Whatcom County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Whatcom County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held by all mail-in ballot, within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition (Proposition No. 1) substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 501 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SUPPORT LEVY

Given the Washington State Legislature enacted Chapter 237, laws of 2010

(SHB 2893) which declared an emergency and expanded the District's levy authority by four percent, the Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501 adopted Resolution No. 16-10 authorizing a supplemental levy for education. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following tax levies as a supplement to the levies approved by the voters in the March 2008 election, on all taxable property within the District for education support and operations:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2011	\$ 0.23	\$ 2,500,000
2012	\$ 0.23	\$ 2,500,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES..... ☐

NO..... ☐

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501, Whatcom County, Washington, at a special meeting thereof, held on the 3rd day of August, 2010. Kenneth B. Gass, President and Director; Kelly M. Bashaw, Director; Steven H. Smith, Director; John Scott Stockburger, Director. ATTEST & CERTIFICATION: Greg Baker

# Complete Text

## WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.5

### RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02

#### RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$.87 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

**Background:** WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services necessitate the expenditure of revenues for station construction, maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$.46856 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District.

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners has determined that the loss of its Bingo revenues combined with the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, additional staffing, equipment, apparatus, maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$.46856 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation and the lid lift will allow the District to rebuild its reserves.

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners has determined that the additional funds generated by the \$.40 levy rate increase will be allocated 37% toward capital improvements, 37% toward increasing staffing and 26% toward general improvements in the level of service provided by the District.

**Resolution:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District No. 5, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to increase the level of fire protection, prevention emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles, to acquire and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained personnel equipped with proper fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

**Section 2.** In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2010 and collect beginning in 2011, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$.87 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

**Section 3.** The amount levied in 2010 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

**Section 4.** There shall be submitted to the qualified

electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 2, 2010, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be established at \$.87 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Whatcom County Fire District No. 5 - Board of Commissioners – Proposition Authorizing Property Tax Levy.

The Board of Whatcom County Fire District No. 5 adopted Resolution No. 2010-02, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund the District's operations and to improve the District's ability to adequately fund capital facilities improvements and staffing.

This proposition authorizes the District to set its regular property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2010 and collected in 2011. The funds will finance improved fire protection operations, replace apparatus and equipment, provide staffing and increase emergency medical service levels. The maximum allowable levy in 2010 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved .... ☐

Rejected ..... ☐

**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District No. 5, Whatcom County, Washington, at a Regular Open Public Meeting of such Board on the 14th day of April 2010, the following Commissioners being present and voting: William H. Meursing, Commissioner; David Gellatly, Commissioner; Susan Brownrigg, Commissioner; Michelle Starrs, Secretary.



# Complete Text

## Resolution No. 2010 - 197

### A RESOLUTION TO ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULAR LEVY:

**A RESOLUTION** of the **Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11**, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the district at an election to be held within the district on November 2, 2010, of a proposition authorizing the levy of a regular property tax, in the sum of \$.14 cents per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years, beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011 for the provision of emergency medical services as provided in **Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 Resolution # 2010 – 197 and the laws of the State of Washington RCW 84.52.069**

**WHEREAS**, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the district that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the district. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11**, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. That the district shall provide emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel cost, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, structures, and insurance needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 2. In order to produce revenue adequate to pay the cost of the providing of the life protection services as described in Section 1 of this resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the district shall levy for six (6) consecutive years beginning in 2010 and collected in 2011, a general tax on taxable property within the district, maintenance and operation cost in the amount of \$.14 cents per \$1,000.00 dollars of assessed valuation.

Section 3. This shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election to be held on November 2, 2010, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations shall be made.

**ADOPTED** this 13th day of July, 2010 at the regular monthly meeting of the Whatcom County Fire District #11 Board of Fire Commissioners. By: Wendell Terry, Chairperson; Ed Scott, Commissioner; Robert T. Busch, Commissioner. **ATTESTED:** Tammi Lynch, Board Secretary.

The above Resolution was adopted at the Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 on July 13, 2010 at the Lummi Island Fire Station, 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262

## EMS BALLOT TITLE

(Six year Levy Limit)

### WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11

#### PROPOSITION # \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Shall Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 be authorized to levy a regular property tax levy of \$.14 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of the six consecutive years beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011, for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as provided in Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 Resolution 2010 – 197 and the Laws of the State of Washington RCW 84.52.069?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_



# Complete Text

## Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 Resolution No. 2010-2

### Resolution Provided for the Submission of Levy

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Park Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District 2, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held therein on November 2, 2010, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations.

**WHEREAS**, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the preservation of natural areas, water quality and the creation of parks and trails that those services be provide by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for acquisition of properties, creation of parks and bike trails and operation and maintenance of those sites and facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District 2, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to preserve natural areas, water quality, develop parks, sports fields and bike trails in the District it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain those sites and facilities.

**Section 2.** In order to provide the revenue to pay the costs of preserving natural areas, water quality and providing recreational opportunities as described in section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall collect beginning in 2011, pursuant to RCW 36.68.400, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits. This property tax levy would be collected for a four-year period, 2011 – 2014.

**Section 3.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a general election on November 2, 2010 in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be set at \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2010 and be collected for the following four years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. Whatcom County as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition as such election, **in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:**

## NORTHWEST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 2 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROPOSITION NO. 1 PARKS AND RECREATION REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2010-2 concerning a proposition to assess a regular property tax levy for a four year period of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to preserve natural areas, water quality, wildlife habitat and support parks, bike trails and recreational programs in Blaine and Birch Bay. Should this Proposition be:

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District 2 on this 8th day of June, 2010. By:

Chairman Ted Morris, Commissioner Terry Johnston, Commissioner Betty Robertson, Commissioner Richard Sturgill, Commissioner Katy Montfort.

**ATTEST:** Barbara Isaacson, Secretary to Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2